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3. South Vietnam

The Cambodians are protesting the decision taken by Saigon in mid-October to close the Mekong River to convoys bound for Phnom Penh. These convoys are made up of ocean-going ships and deliver a good share of Cambodia's imports.

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On Monday the South Vietnamese defense minister said the river would be opened shortly, but we think the Vietnamese are stalling.

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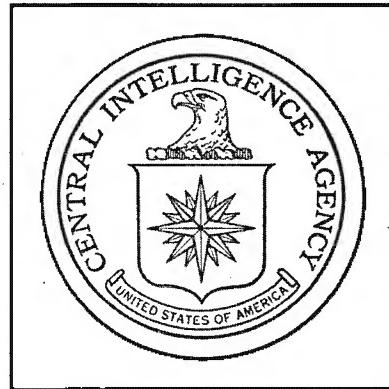
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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

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Hanoi VIPs to Moscow: The North Vietnamese fielded a top-drawer delegation for the Moscow anniversary celebrations. Headed by Party First Secretary Le Duan, the delegation included General Vo Nguyen Giap and Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh. This group was met by Soviet brass at the airport-- Brezhnev, Kosygin, and President Podgorny.

All this display of senior personalities is intended to dramatize the close relations between Hanoi and Moscow. Behind the show of solidarity, however, have been some pretty clear indications that the North Vietnamese do not want to get caught in any Moscow-Peking crossfire during the festivities.

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II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Nothing significant to report.

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